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200,000 LOST BY GERMANS AND FRENCH IN BATTLE OF FIFTY DAYS AT VERDUN

WITHDRAWAL OF U. S. TROOPS AGAIN SUGGESTED IN REPORT FROM CARRANZA CAPITAL

Denial, However, of Statement That "Dead Line" Was Set for Pershing's Drive.

ANOTHER VILLA DEFEAT.

Bandit Said to Have Two Days' Lead—Salazar May Stir Revolt.

MEXICO CITY, April 10.—The followers of the bandit Francisco Villa have suffered another defeat at the town of San Antonio de las Alamos, in the State of Chihuahua, according to advices received by the War Department of the de la Cuesta Government. No details were given out, nor was it stated whether American or Carranza troops inflicted the defeat.

EL PASO, Texas, April 10.—Hanging doggedly to Villa's trail, the United States cavalry was to-day in the desolate Sierras around Parral. At least twenty-four hours' march ahead, Villa, with 200 men and fresh mounts, was reported at Magistral, a mining camp in Durango State.

That Villa is fleeing at top speed to join the Arrieta brothers, who have 3,000 followers around Durango City, was the information sent to the border by officers of the American Mining Company at Parral. Villa passed Parral on Saturday. Magistral is nearly seventy-five miles by trail south. The Sierra de la Canalea range there, about two miles above sea level, will offer more hardships to the American pursuers than anything they have so far encountered.

There is considerable mystery to-day over the reported crossing of the border by Gen. Ynez Salazar, the former Huerta general, who has been living here and who is said to have gone into Mexico with avowed hostile intentions toward the United States. A proclamation signed by Salazar has been discovered in which he calls on all patriotic Mexicans to join him in the protection of Mexican soil.

NO "DEAD LINE" SET FOR CHASE OF VILLA: MORE WITHDRAWAL TALK

WASHINGTON, April 10.—Secretary Lansing and Secretary Baker both declined to comment today on border reports that an agreement between Washington and the Carranza Government had fixed a "dead line" beyond which the American troops would not go in their pursuit of the Villa bandits.

In a dispatch from El Paso, Andrew Garcia, the Mexican Consul there, denies a statement attributed to him.

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COLD KEEPS WILSON AWAY FROM BUSINESS

President Cancels Engagements on Order of His Doctor—Expects to Meet Cabinet To-Morrow.

WASHINGTON, April 10.—President Wilson cancelled a number of engagements to-day because of the cold he caught while down the Potomac River on the Mayflower last Friday night.

The President remained indoors all day yesterday in the hope that he could keep engagements today, but this morning Dr. Grayson ordered that he remain away from his office. He expected to be well enough to hold the Cabinet meeting to-morrow.

AGREE ON PLAN TO TAKE SUBWAY WORK FROM P. S. BOARD

Legislative Leaders Favor Placing Construction Under Control of Mayor's Board.

MEETS HOME RULE IDEA.

Clash Over Funds Necessary to Complete the Thompson Committee Investigation.

Special From a Staff Correspondent of The Evening World.

ALBANY, April 10.—Public service legislation and investigation will be paramount questions in Senate and Assembly this week. Senator George Thompson conferred with Republican Senate Leader Brown to-day and agreed on the proposition to take away subway construction from the Public Service Commission and place under a special board appointed by the Mayor.

Brown suggested an amendment which Thompson accepted that although the Legislature might pass a separation bill, it should not become operative unless voted by the city Board of Estimate. This would pass finally decision to the city Government and comply with home rule ideas.

Whether the Thompson Investigating Committee will continue its sessions depends upon the Legislature appropriating more money. Speaker Sweet of the Assembly is decidedly hostile. He required Thompson to submit a statement of committee expenditures and obligations, which shows that \$20,000 more are needed to pay up to date.

The debts are principally lawyer fees. None of the committee's numerous counsel has had remuneration yet, nor has any of them put in a bill. No definite agreement was made by the chairman regarding pay of counsel, and the amounts put down in the report are estimates. The Legislature is willing to pay all bills already incurred, but there is doubt about further appropriation. Senator Thompson said to-day:

"The Legislature won't stop the investigation, but there are a lot of fellows who want to know who is going to get hurt next. I'll get the appropriation, all right. Hasn't the Legislature already extended the life of the committee to June. By those terms they are obligated to give me the money to continue."

SPEAKER IS SATISFIED WITH SALE TO CLEVELAND

Red Sox Star Outfielder Will Leave Boston To-Night to Take New Job.

BOSTON, Mass., April 10.—Satisfied with the sale as a result of which he goes to the Cleveland Indians, Fred Spedding, the \$50,000 outfielder, will leave Boston to-night at 11:15 to join the Cleveland team.

Spedding announced that he would start for Cleveland to-night, following a conference with Owner Lannin of the Red Sox early this afternoon. The conference lasted a half hour.

This would only say that the sale was satisfactory to him. President Lannin denied that Spedding had demanded or had been promised any part of the purchase money. He said this was convinced the terms under which he would join Cleveland would be satisfactory.

Report Told on May 15.

WATKINS, Ill., April 10.—Judge Charles Brannan, this afternoon announced the case of William H. Orpel, Wisconsin University student charged with the murder of Marian Leubert, until May 15.

WORK ON SUBWAY TUNNELS RESUMED WITH 2,000 MEN

Some Union Workers Have Returned to Jobs With Strikebreakers, Say Contractors.

EMPLOYERS CONFIDENT.

Members of the Allied Trades May Refuse to Work With Strikebreakers.

Though special details of police were posted to-day at the shafts of the dual subway to prevent disorder when the contractors attempted to resume work with new men and returning strikers to-day, there were no reports of trouble. For the first time in two weeks, the contractors made a real effort to resume work. About two thousand "sand hogs" and shorers went down into the workings, out of the full quota of ten thousand required.

At the head of the Old Slip shaft of the East River tunnel there were one hundred men waiting for work for which 500 are required. Major O'Rourke of the Flinn-O'Rourke Company, the last of whose tunnel workers quit Saturday, said he was having great difficulty in finding strikebreakers.

"We would not hesitate to fill the places of the strikers," he said, "could we find the men. But there seem to be no idle men available here. We will have to get them from outside the city."

Secretary Crane of the Contractors' Association, who went up State last week to arrange for recruiting laborers, made the prediction to-day that within two days the places of all the strikers would be filled.

Henry Kuhlman, general secretary of the Concrete and Foundation Workers' Union, said to-day that union pickets had reported to him among the men who went down into the Old Slip shaft this morning were fifteen non-union "sand hogs."

"As a result of this," he said, "all members of the allied trades who work for the Flinn-O'Rourke Company will be called out to-night."

Hugh Franey of the American Federation of Labor has forwarded to President Samuel Gompers the protest of Major O'Rourke that the union has violated its contract with him. According to the officers of the union the contract was broken by the contractors when they required their men to work more than six hours at a shift under an air pressure of twenty-two pounds.

Frank N. Sullivan, counsel for the strikers, said the claim of the contractors that men were returning to work in considerable numbers was "pure bunk." On the other hand the Public Service Commission reported that the Flinn-O'Rourke Company had forty more men than on Saturday or 135 out of a staff of 225, and that other contractors were making similar gains.

GAINS BY ITALIANS ADMITTED IN VIENNA

Obtain a Foothold in the Austrian Trenches in Tonale Pass Zone.

VIENNA, April 10.—Italian troops gained a foothold in Austrian trenches in the Tonale Pass zone, south of Sperrone, the War Office admitted to-day.

"Around Gorizia," added the official statement, "enemy artillery and troops behind our front under fire in the Sigea Valley Italian artillery, set Calabozo afire, the shells of the front artillery engagements occurred."

WAITE AS HE LOOKED LEAVING BELLEVUE ON HIS WAY TO COURT.



FIVE BRITISH SHIPS SENT TO THE BOTTOM

Lloyds Announces Marine Disasters But Reports There Was No Loss of Life.

LONDON, April 10.—The sinking of five more British steamships was reported to-day. All were unarmed. Lloyds announced the sinking of the Sikoworth Hall and the Glenadorn. The captain and thirty men from the Sikoworth Hall have been landed. Three men are missing. The crew of the Glenadorn was saved. Lloyds also reports the sinking of the Zafu and the Eastern City.

A Router despatch from Malta tells of the sinking of the Yonnis, formerly the Kustadia, which was sent down without warning. The crew was rescued.

A Greek despatch from Corfu, Greece, says the British steamship, Lobra, was loaded the captain and crew of the ship, Nipponkai, steamer, 2,500 tons, which was sunk without warning by a torpedo from a German submarine at a point twenty-five miles north of the island of Ouessant, off the French coast, northwest of Brest.

The Sikoworth Hall was of 4,772 tons gross, the Glenadorn of 2,885 tons, the Yonnis, 4,000 tons, and the Zafu, 3,375 tons.

Russian Deny Sinking of Transports. PETROGRAD, April 10.—Russian official statements, reporting the sinking of two Russian transports on the Atlantic, are refuted by the Ministry of Marine announced to-day. The Russian destroyer, Zvezda, is alleged to have sunk the Portuguese ship Portugal was sunk by a torpedo.

WAITE IN TOMBS; POISONER PLEADS TO MURDER CHARGE

Confessed Slayer of Bride's Parents Takes Keen Interest in Court Proceedings.

HAGGARD FROM DRUGS.

Detectives Help Dentist Put on Clothing in Room in Bellevue Hospital.

Dr. Arthur Warren Waite, confessed poisoner of his father-in-law, John E. Peck of Grand Rapids, Mich., and his mother-in-law, was taken from Bellevue Hospital to Police Headquarters at 10 o'clock to-day, photographed, finger printed and measured for the Hester records and then arraigned before Judge Crain in the Court of General Sessions to plead to an indictment accusing him of murder in the first degree.

Waite showed the effects of the large quantities of narcotic poisons he took in the hope of ending his life on March 22. While he appeared a dazed air it was noticeable that his eyes, which have large, prominent pupils, darted here and there, taking in every detail of his surroundings and that he paid close attention to everything that was said.

At the conclusion of the court proceedings Waite was taken to the Tombs and placed in the care of the prison physician.

When Detectives Gallagher and Cummins went to the Hospital after Waite at 9 o'clock, they found him in bed. He said he was weak and sick and asked for assistance in putting on his clothes. In walking from the alcoholic ward, where he has been quarantined, to an automobile which was supplied by his brother, Frank, he was supported on each side by the detectives. He was pale and apparently in a half-dazed condition. As he signed a receipt for his belongings in the office he said, looking around the room:

"Why, this looks like a hospital."

Waite's counsel said this afternoon that the defense will be insanity. Whether the court will be asked to appoint a commission to determine Waite's mental condition before he is called to trial is undecided.

Waite's cell in the Tombs is flanked on one side by that of Giuseppe Aricchiello, awaiting sentence for the murder of Barnett Hoff, and on the other by Reginald the Puerto, otherwise known as Ernest Scullery.

District Attorney Swann, while disposed to give the prisoner and his counsel every privilege to which they are entitled, under the law adheres to his determination to bring Waite to trial without unnecessary delay. It is planned to transfer the case from the Court of General Sessions to the Criminal Branch of the Supreme Court on April 21 and to call Waite to trial, probably before Judge Stone, on the first Monday in May.

The prisoner has notified Warden Huxley that he will not receive visitors or news and will see no one but his brother Frank and his counsel. The fact that Waite was to leave the hospital this morning had been widely advertised and a curious throng of six hundred or more persons gathered in front of the building to watch his departure. Every nurse and doctor off duty hurried to the alcoholic ward and grouped about the door.

The windows in the hospital and all the balconies were utilized by persons and nurses as vantage points from which to see the prisoner's departure. The detectives noted that Waite, looking out from the window of his cell, was seen by a torpedo.

GREAT FORCE OF GERMANS ATTACKS ON 13-MILE FRONT IN NIGHT DRIVE AT FORTRESS

Berlin Reports Two Other Positions and 714 Prisoners Taken Yesterday in Addition to Bethincourt—Thirty Villages Captured So Far.

FURIOUS BATTLE RAGES AROUND DEAD MAN'S HILL

LONDON, April 10.—It is estimated that the losses on both sides in the battle at Verdun are now well above 200,000—far more than were engaged on both sides in the battle of Waterloo.

On an arc-like front the Germans are throwing more than 450,000 men into action, pounding simultaneously against the northwestern and northeastern gates to the French fortress.

Since the Germans launched the campaign against Verdun with an artillery attack on the night of Feb. 21 they have rolled up the French lines on both banks of the Meuse, capturing about 150 square miles of territory and nearly thirty French villages. Despite these successes, the most terrific artillery battering the world has ever known has won for the Crown Prince only one of the forts surrounding the city of Verdun.

PARIS, April 10.—The Germans continued their attacks last night in the Verdun region east and west of the Meuse, over a front thirteen miles long from Hill No. 304 to Fort Douaumont.

The War Office announcement of this afternoon says that in the fighting west of the river for possession of Dead Man's Hill the Germans were repulsed except on a front of 500 yards near Hill No. 295. East of the river the German assaults gained no appreciable results.

[These night attacks followed the great battle yesterday northwest of the Fortress of Verdun in which the Germans used 80,000 in making assaults on three French positions. The net result was the retirement of the French from their position at Bethincourt, which they had held during weeks of fighting. The attacks were said to have been the most determined of any since the battle for Verdun began fifty days ago. The French claimed to have stopped all attacks following the retirement from Bethincourt.]

[The German account of the movement in the Bethincourt salient, as given in the official statement to-day from Berlin, says Bethincourt and two fortified points to the southwest were isolated, and that the French were cut off, losing 714 prisoners, two guns, fifteen machine guns and a considerable number of killed or wounded.]

The War Office to-day claims that all attacks were repulsed last night except one on the slope of Dead Man's Hill.

Following is the text of to-day's report from the War Office:

"To the west of the River Meuse bombardments continued violently last night. It was particularly directed against Hill No. 304. The attack delivered by the enemy yesterday evening against Le Mort Homme (Dead Man's Hill) and which was generally speaking repulsed, with important losses to our adversaries, made it possible for the Germans to penetrate our advanced trench at Hill No. 295 along a front of about 500 yards. We took about 100 prisoners."

"To the east of the Meuse we very spirited fighting last night in the little wood of Fontaine St. Martin, to the east of Hacherville. We have made progress in the communicating trenches of the enemy to the south of the village of Douaumont."

"In the Woivreux district there has been bombardment of the villages in the foothills of the Meuse heights."

"It has been confirmed that the day of April 9 in the region of Verdun was marked by the first general offensive movement in which the forces of the enemy attacked over a front of more than twenty kilometers (thirteen miles). Our adversaries, who have not achieved any result commensurate to their effort, suffered losses, the extent of which are evidenced by the bodies piled up in front of our lines. There has been no occurrence of importance on the remainder of the front."

GERMAN LOSSES TOTAL 2,730,917, SAY BRITISH

Of These, 681,437 Have Been Killed, London Newspapers Estimate From Official Lists.

LONDON, April 10.—German losses to date total 2,730,917, London newspapers figure by adding the German official casualty lists.

Of these 681,437 have been killed. The German official figures for the first four months of the war are: 1,000,000 killed, 1,000,000 wounded, 1,000,000 missing, 1,000,000 prisoners. The losses of the

wood of Fontaine St. Martin, to the east of Hacherville. We have made progress in the communicating trenches of the enemy to the south of the village of Douaumont."